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## Story So Far

FOLLOWING A ROUTINE RAID, SKY PIRATE CLOUD VAN GIRIET DISCOVERS A MOST UNUSUAL BOUNTY--A BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN A BOX NAMED REN WHO SAYS SHE NEEDS TO GO TO A PLACE CALLED EDEL GARDEN. BUT BEFORE CLOUD CAN MAKE SENSE OF IT ALL, A GROUP CALLED ARC AILE ARRIVES, STATING THAT THE GIRL IS IN FACT AN EDEL RAID (A LIVING WEAPON WHO REACTS WITH A HUMAN TO BECOME A FIGHTING MACHINE), AND THAT THEY WISH TO BUY HER. CLOUD IS OUTRAGED THAT THEY WOULD TREAT HER LIKE PROPERTY, AND REFUSES TO LET THEM HAVE HER. A BATTLE BREAKS OUT, AND REN REACTS WITH CLOUD, BECOMING HIS WEAPON DURING THE FIGHT. REN IS SO TOUCHED BY CLOUD'S RESOLVE TO HELP HER THAT SHE DECIDES TO BECOME HIS PERSONAL EDEL RAID.

AFTER AN INTENSE SKY BATTLE, CLOUD, REN AND THE THREE MEMBERS OF ARC AILE ARE THEN LEFT TO WANDER THE FOREST BELOW WITH NO FOOD OR MONEY. CISQUA (LEADER OF THE ARC AILE TEAM) DECIDES TO FOLLOW CLOUD AND REN, MUCH TO CLOUD'S ANNOYANCE. THEY SOON REALIZE THAT EVEN THOUGH THEIR DIFFERENCES MAY BE MANY, THEIR COMMON DESIRE TO PROTECT REN MAY BE ENOUGH TO KEEP THEM FROM KILLING ONE ANOTHER. AND AFTER THEY SAVE REN FROM A BLACK MARKET EDEL RAID DEALER NAMED BEAZON, AS WELL AS FROM AN EDEL RAID HUNTER NAMED WOLX HOUND, IT BECAME PAINFULLY CLEAR PROTECTING REN IS A FULL-TIME JOB.

SPENDING TIME WITH REN MAKES CISQUA SEE HER IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT, SO SHE AGREES TO ALTER HER ORIGINAL MISSION, AND WILL INSTEAD HELP REN REACH EDEL GARDEN. HOWEVER, LACK OF MONEY FORCES THEM TO STOP AT THE BETTING GROUND MILLIARD TREY, WHERE THEY HOPE TO WIN ENOUGH MONEY BETTING ON FIGHTS TO CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY. UNFORTUNATELY, CLOUD, THE ONLY ONE IN THE GROUP STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT, IS ALSO THE LEAST EXPERIENCED FIGHTER OF THEM ALL...

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**SPARTAN  
STRENGTH  
TRAINING--  
CISQUA  
STYLE--  
STARTS  
NOW!!**

**LISTEN  
UP!!**



**OF  
COURSE!!**

REALLY?

YOU WERE  
SERIOUS?

HA  
HA  
...

AAHH  
...



# Re-No: 13

Milliard Trey Betting Grounds—  
The Event Dominator





FIRST--  
BASIC  
PHYSICAL  
STRENGTH  
BUILDING.

FIVE  
HUNDRED?!  
I CAN BARELY  
EVEN COUNT  
TO 500!!

GO!!  
OOOONE...  
TWOOO...

PUSH-UPS  
AND SIT-UPS--  
500 EACH!

WHEN YOU'VE  
FINISHED  
WITH THOSE,  
WE'RE GOING  
JOGGING!

NO  
COMPLAIN-  
ING!

MAN!!

Um...  
not  
you,  
Ren.

DO  
IT!!







NO  
NEED TO  
WORRY.  
  
IT'S NOT  
LIKE WE'RE  
KILLING  
EACH OTHER  
OR ANYTHING.

BESIDES--  
I'M AN  
ACTIVE  
MEMBER  
OF THE  
PROTECTION  
SOCIETY.



OKAY...!  
YOU  
ASKED  
FOR  
IT!!



THERE'S NO  
DANGER IN  
FIGHTING AN  
OPPONENT AT  
YOUR LEVEL,  
COU. I'LL  
BE FINE.

OH!!  
SHE'S  
TIGING  
ME OFF!!

NOW...  
COME  
AT ME.





OKAY...  
BELIEVE  
IT OR NOT,  
THERE'S A  
POSITIVE  
HERE.



YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
WHO SAID  
DON'T  
HOLD  
BACK!!

WHAT  
THE--  
?!

COU!!

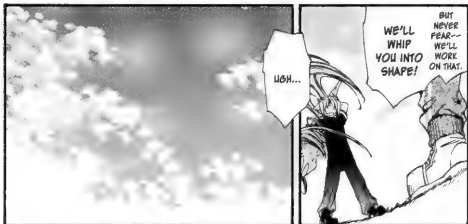
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING?!

TRUE...  
BUT I  
DIDN'T  
THINK  
YOU'D  
TRY TO  
KILL ME!



IT'S LIKE  
GIVING A  
BOMB THAT  
LOOKS LIKE  
A BALLOON  
TO A CHILD!

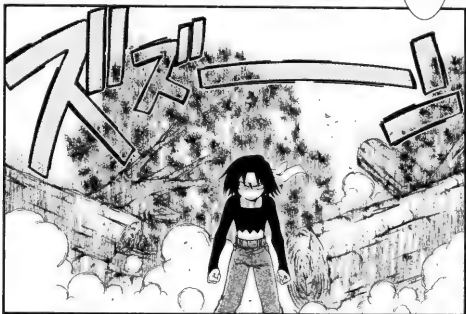
NOW I KNOW  
FOR SURE  
THAT YOU HAVE  
ABSOLUTELY  
NO CONTROL  
OVER YOUR  
STRENGTH!



UGH...

WE'LL  
WHIP  
YOU INTO  
SHAPE!

BUT  
NEVER  
FEAR--  
WE'LL  
WORK  
ON THAT.



CLEARLY  
YOU  
ALSO  
NEED TO  
LEARN TO  
LISTEN!!

I EXPLAINED  
IT TO YOU  
ALREADY...!

EASY FOR  
YOU TO  
SAY. HOW  
DO YOU  
SUGGEST I  
DO THAT?!

AAAASH!!  
SHUT UP!



YOU ARE  
TO ONLY  
USE AS  
MUCH  
POWER  
AS YOU  
NEED!!!

YOU  
HAVEN'T  
LEARNED  
ANYTHING  
YET!!!

NO MORE  
RUNNING  
AROUND  
UNCON-  
TROLLED!!!



I DON'T NEED  
TRAINING!!  
THINGS WILL  
WORK OUT  
FOR THE--



I  
GIVE  
UP!! I  
CAN'T TAKE  
THIS ANY-  
MORE!!









YOU WEREN'T  
ABLE TO  
HANDLE A FAIR  
FIGHT WITH  
THE BROKER'S  
ATTENDANT,  
EITHER.

YOU DON'T  
STAND A  
CHANCE  
AT TREY!

YEAH?  
WELL  
WHAT  
ABOUT  
MY  
FIGHT  
AT  
EL...

YOUR  
VICTORY AT  
ELE BLANCA  
WAS A  
FLUKE.



YOU'RE  
A  
PHONY.

"I'M  
GOING TO  
PROTECT HER."  
"I'LL TAKE  
HER THERE."  
YOU'RE  
ALL TALK.

...YOU  
SHOULD  
BE ABLE  
TO DO IT.

IF YOU CAN  
SAY IT...



...THEN  
JUST  
WALK  
AWAY.

IF THAT  
SOUNDS  
LIKE  
TOO  
MUCH  
TO  
HANDLE  
...

I WILL  
TAKE REN  
TO EDEL  
GARDEN.

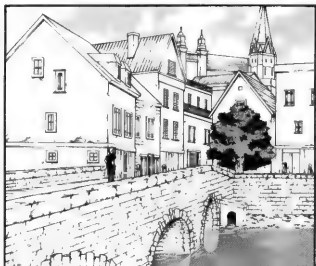


THAT'S  
IT! GIVE  
UP!! BE A  
LOSER!!

CON!!



COU...





I HATE  
TO ADMIT  
IT... BUT I  
KNOW SHE'S  
RIGHT



IT  
SOUNDS LIKE  
THERE IS  
SOMEONE  
BREATHING  
BEHIND ME...



...I  
MUST  
GET  
STRONG-  
ER!

IF I  
WANT TO  
PROTECT  
REN...



A  
GHOST?!

OR EVEN  
WORSE...

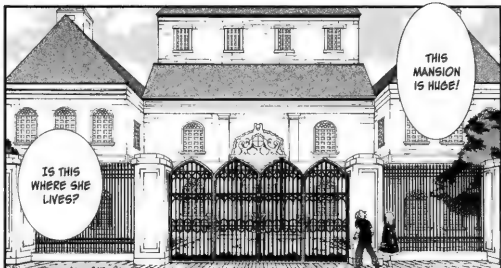


IT'S  
GETTING  
LOUDER!

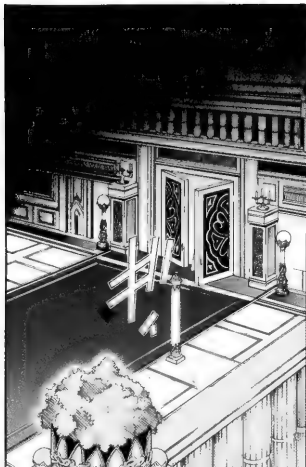
IS IT A  
MUGGER?  
A GANG  
MEMBER?













IS THAT  
YOU,  
RASATI?

YOU DID  
WELL  
YESTERDAY.





YES,  
SIR.

HAVE A  
SEAT.



COME  
NOW...DON'T  
JUST STAND  
THERE.



YOU  
TRULY ARE A  
WONDERFUL  
CLASS  
FIGHTER.

AH,  
RASATI  
...

THOSE STUPID  
CHALLENGERS  
WAGER A LOT  
OF MONEY  
TRYING TO  
BEAT YOU...

...DON'T  
THEY?



YOU ARE  
MY REAL  
TREASURE.

MY DEAR  
RASATI...



BOSS...



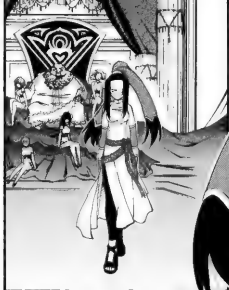
THE  
PROMISE  
I MADE  
YOU AND  
YOUR  
SISTER?

OF  
COURSE  
I WILL.



I HAVE  
ALMOST  
EARNED  
ENOUGH  
MONEY TO  
PAY YOU  
BACK.

YOU WILL  
KEEP YOUR  
PROMISE,  
WON'T  
YOU?





MAN...  
IT'S  
HUUUGE...!

HOW  
ARE WE  
SUPPOSED  
TO KNOW  
WHERE  
SHE  
WENT?



YOU  
REALLY  
ARE  
STUPID.

I'M S-  
SORRY...



GAHA!

NO!

COU?!

UGH!  
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING!

IT  
WASN'T  
ME...!











DAMMIT,  
REN!

WE  
SNUCK  
IN.



WHO  
ARE  
YOU?

LIKE  
ME?

WHY  
ARE  
YOU  
HERE?



WE'RE  
UM...  
ER...

I CAN'T  
TELL  
HER WE  
SNUCK  
IN...



YOUR  
SISTER?

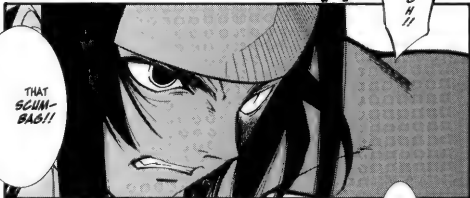


TO MY  
SISTER?

WE SAW THE  
WOMAN NAMED  
RASATI COME  
IN HERE. WE  
WANTED TO  
TALK TO HER.

DON'T  
TELL  
ME...









IF YOU'RE  
OBEIENT  
AND DO  
AS I SAY,  
NO HARM  
WILL COME  
TO YOU.

AS OF  
TODAY,  
YOU  
BELONG  
TO ME.



RASATI,  
LILIA--  
COME  
HERE.



HE  
KNEW I  
WAS AN  
EDEL  
RAID.

OUR UNCLE  
SOLD US  
TO THE  
MASTER  
OF THIS  
MANSION.



DAMN THAT  
RASATI!  
ALWAYS  
LOOKING  
AT ME WITH  
THOSE  
REBELLIOUS  
EYES.

WELL, AS  
LONG AS I  
HAVE HER  
SISTER,  
SHE WON'T  
BE ABLE TO  
DISOBEY  
ME!



HHH...

HEH  
HEH  
HEH





YOU HAVE  
NO CHOICE  
BUT FOR  
YOUR  
SISTER  
TO BE A  
WEAPON  
AND EARN IT.

BUT  
WHAT  
CAN  
YOU  
DO?

OF COURSE.  
IF YOU PAY  
ME THE FULL  
AMOUNT,  
THEN I COULD  
LET YOU  
GO FREE.



WAIT!!

NOOOOO!!

THAT'S  
HOW IT  
IS. GIVE  
UP ON  
HER.



I'LL  
FIGHT  
IN LILIA'S  
PLACE.

I'LL  
EARN OUR  
FREEDOM!

RASATI?





...IS  
FIGHTING  
FOR ME.

MY  
SISTER  
...



ALL I  
CAN DO  
NOW...

...IS PRAY  
FOR MY  
SISTER.

I'M  
USELESS.



SOON  
WE'LL  
LEAVE THIS  
MANSION  
FOREVER.

...  
LILIA  
...

JUST  
YOU  
WAIT...





IT WON'T  
BE FAIR  
IF HER  
SISTER  
DOESN'T  
PUT OUT  
JUST AS  
MUCH,  
WOULD  
IT?

YOUR SISTER  
CERTAINLY  
IS FIGHTING  
DESPERATELY,  
ISN'T SHE?

?!!



PLEASE,  
STOP!

QUIT  
PLAYING  
HARD TO  
GET!

YOU NEED  
TO GIVE ME  
SOME KIND  
OF RELIEF  
AFTER  
A LONG  
DAY OF  
FIGHTING!



I'LL  
TAKE  
GOOD  
CARE  
OF  
YOU.



IT'S  
TRUE,  
ISN'T  
IT?

COME  
UP TO  
MY  
ROOM.



HOW  
DARE  
HE!!



STOP!!

GWAH!!!

WHAT  
THE  
NECK  
ARE YOU  
DOING  
?!



I COULD  
ASK YOU  
THAT VERY  
SAME  
QUESTION...

RASATI?!



THERE'S  
NO  
MONEY  
IN IT.

WHAT-  
EVER.

ALLOW  
ME TO  
HELP  
YOU  
BURN IT  
OFF.

I'LL FIGHT  
YOU UNTIL  
YOU CAN'T  
WALK  
ANYMORE.

IT  
SEEMS  
LIKE YOU  
STILL  
HAVE A  
LOT OF  
PENT UP  
ENERGY.



ARE  
YOU  
ALL  
RIGHT?

YES.



THIS  
MANSION  
IS  
FULL  
OF  
TRASH.



YOU'RE THE  
GUY WHO  
KEPT LOSING  
LIKE AN  
IDIOT OVER  
AND OVER  
AGAIN LAST  
NIGHT.



UM...

HELLO.

Failed Entrance

YOU...



RASATI,  
NO!  
THESE  
PEOPLE

WHAT?!  
N-NO  
WAY!



DON'T TELL  
ME YOU  
WANT MY  
SISTER,  
TOO.



WHAT  
DO YOU  
WANT  
?!

WAIT A  
MINUTE!

DON'T  
COME  
NEAR  
US EVER  
AGAIN!!

RAGATI!

THEN YOU  
HAVE NO  
BUSINESS  
HERE!  
SO GET  
LOST!!

TIPS?

WHY  
WOULD  
I HAVE  
ANY  
TIPS?!

I  
GOTTA  
KNOW!

DO YOU  
HAVE ANY  
TIPS OR  
ANYTHING?

MAN,  
YOU'RE  
STRONG  
FOR A  
GIRL...!

SERIOUSLY.

YOU  
WANT  
TO LEARN  
FROM  
ME?

I NEED  
TO  
PROTECT  
REN.

I'M  
TRYING  
TO GET  
STRONG-  
ER.

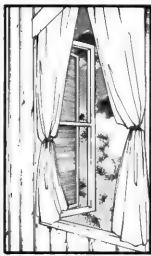
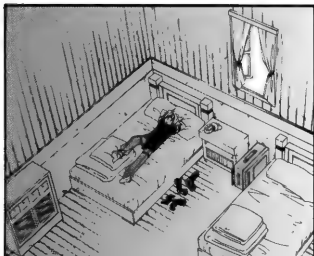


--I  
CAN'T  
AFFORD  
TO LOSE!

HERE'S MY  
SECRET--









...YOU  
MIGHT AS  
WELL JUST  
QUIT.

IF YOU'RE  
NOT GOING  
TO LISTEN  
TO ME...



I CAN'T  
AFFORD  
TO LOSE!

HERE'S  
MY  
SECRET...

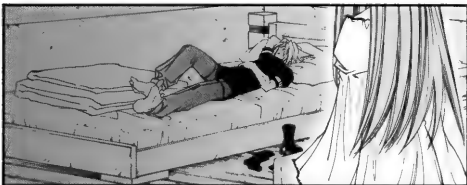


I  
KNOW!

DANG!



*BUT...*



COU,  
WAKE  
UP!



NNNGH...

COU?





HOLY--!!

R--

REN?



IS THIS  
STILL A  
DREAM?

Wah~



COU.

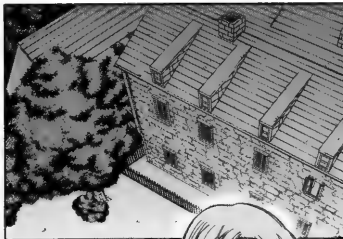


**Re-No.14:**

Milliard Trey Betting Grounds-  
Connected Passed Sharer







BUT  
FIGHTING  
AGAINST  
EDEL RAID  
PLEASURES?  
I'M NO  
MATCH FOR  
THEM.

I USED TO BE  
IN NORMAL  
FIGHTS ALL  
THE TIME, SO  
I THOUGHT  
I WOULD  
BE OKAY.

...I'D  
TAKE YOU  
TO EDEL  
GARDEN.

I MEANT  
IT WHEN I  
SAID...

I DON'T  
KNOW IF  
SOMEONE  
LIKE ME  
CAN GET  
YOU THERE  
SAFELY.

COU  
...

HUH?

WHY  
ARE YOU  
TRYING TO  
PROTECT  
ME?



AND I'M  
A MAN. I  
HAVE TO  
PROTECT  
YOU.

WELL  
...  
YOU'RE  
A GIRL.



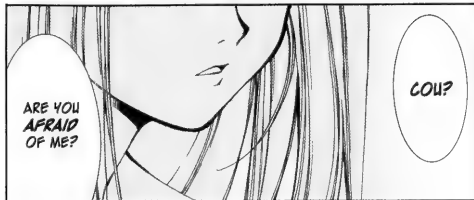
I DON'T  
REALLY  
KNOW  
WHAT AN  
EDEL  
RAID IS.

WELL,  
YEAH,  
THAT'S  
TRUE...  
BUT...  
YOU  
KNOW.



BUT...  
I'M AN  
EDEL  
RAID.

A...  
GIRL...?



ARE YOU  
AFRAID  
OF ME?

COU?



THEY  
DON'T  
STEP  
INTO MY  
WORLD...

THEY  
DON'T  
THINK  
IT'S  
SAFE.



I'M  
STRANGE  
TO YOU,  
AREN'T  
I?

HUMANS  
GENERALLY  
FEAR WHAT  
THEY DON'T  
UNDERSTAND.



I'VE  
NEVER  
BEEN  
AFRAID  
OF YOU,  
REN!

NOT EVEN  
IN THE  
SLIGHTEST!



!!







THEN  
LEARN  
MORE  
ABOUT  
ME.

GET TO  
KNOW  
THE  
REAL  
ME...



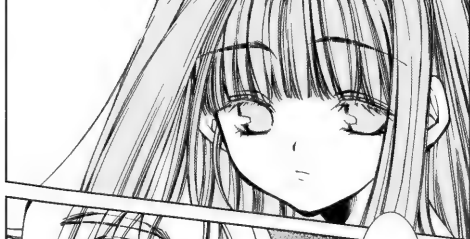
WHAT YOU  
LIKE, WHAT  
YOU EAT,  
WHAT GAMES  
YOU PLAYED  
WHEN YOU  
WERE LITTLE...

I WANT  
TO KNOW  
MORE  
ABOUT  
YOU,  
TOO,  
REN!

MORE  
THAN WHAT  
AN EDEL  
RAID IS--  
I WANT TO  
KNOW WHO  
YOU ARE,  
INSIDE.



OKAY.



REALLY...?



I WANT  
YOU TO  
ACCEPT  
ME.



I DON'T  
WANT  
YOU TO  
HAVE TO  
PROTECT  
ME.

NOT  
AT  
ALL.





I KNOW  
YOU CAN  
DO IT,  
COH.

IT'S  
OKAY.



I'M NOT  
USED TO  
DOING  
THIS MUCH  
WORK...!

ほい

I'M  
EXHAUSTED!

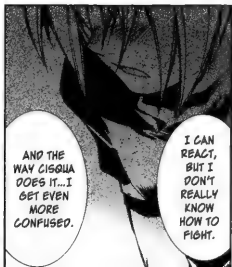


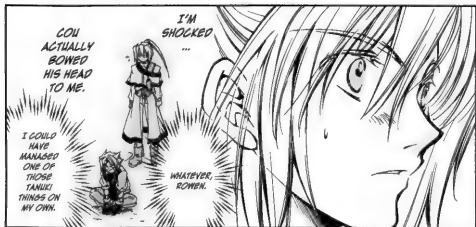
MAN...

はい





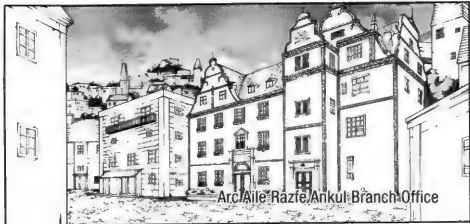




OH, I'M SO  
GLAD TO BE  
IN ARC AILE!  
I'M SUPER-  
DEEPLY  
MOVED ONE  
HUNDRED  
TIMES OVER!

REN  
SAID MY  
NAME!!

It's  
like he  
doesn't  
care at  
all that  
I bowed  
my  
head to  
him

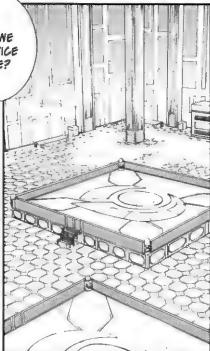


Arc/Aile Razfe/Ankul Branch Office

IT'S EARLY  
IN THE  
MORNING,  
SO IT'S  
JUST US.

ANYONE  
IN THE  
SOCIETY  
CAN USE  
IT IF THEY  
SUBMIT A  
REQUEST.

CAN WE  
PRACTICE  
HERE?



NO PROB  
...!



YES?

HEY  
...

I KINDA SHOT  
MY MOUTH  
OFF TO HER,  
AND, WELL--  
I WOULDN'T  
WANT TO  
LOOK BAD.

ABOUT ME  
TRAINING WITH  
YOU... PLEASE  
DON'T TELL  
CISQUA,  
OKAY?



SHE  
SAID I  
WAS A  
WALKING  
TIME  
BOMB.

CISQUA  
TOLD  
ME THE  
SAME  
THING.

FROM WHAT I  
CAN TELL BY  
OBSERVING  
YOU, THE FIRST  
THING YOU HAVE  
TO DO IS LEARN  
TO CONTROL  
YOUR POWER.

HA  
HA HA!  
DID SHE,  
NOW?

SHE HAS  
TREMENDOUS  
DESTRUCTIVE  
POWER, SO  
YOU REALLY  
COULD KILL  
SOMEONE.

ALL  
RIGHT.  
FIRST,  
I'LL  
TEACH  
YOU THE  
BASICS.

LISTEN...IF  
YOU SWING  
HER AROUND  
USELESSLY  
AT FULL  
POWER, IT  
WILL PUT  
QUITE A  
BURDEN ON  
REN, TOO.



YOUR  
TEACHING  
METHOD  
IS TOO  
BORING,  
ROWEN.

WELL, I'M  
EXPLAINING  
IN A WAY  
THAT'S PRETTY  
EASY TO  
UNDERSTAND.

PPPT! OH  
REALLY?  
EVEN I  
COULDN'T  
UNDERSTAND  
THAT.

I HAVE  
ABSOLUTELY  
NO IDEA  
WHAT YOU'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT!

**NOT  
AT  
ALL!**



DO YOU  
UNDERSTAND  
SO FAR?

OKAY?



EH?

YOU'RE  
NEVER  
GOING TO  
"MASTER"  
US.

COME...

THERE'S  
A HARD  
REALITY  
YOU  
NEED TO  
FACE...



BOTH SIDES  
HAVE TO  
USE AND  
LOVE EACH  
OTHER  
EQUALLY.

IT'S LIKE A  
RELATIONSHIP.



INSIDE  
THIS BODY  
IS A HEART  
PACKED WITH  
ALL SORTS  
OF THOUGHTS  
AND  
EMOTIONS.

WE'RE  
NOT  
THINGS.





WHEN YOU  
EXPOSE YOUR  
HEARTS TO EACH  
OTHER...AND  
THEY TOUCH...  
THAT'S WHEN  
YOU BECOME  
ONE FOR THE  
FIRST TIME.



UNDER-  
STAND?

SEE?

Mngh...



THOUGH  
SOMETIMES  
I GET THE  
FEELING  
I'M BEING  
USED.



LEARN  
MORE  
ABOUT  
ME.

I WANT  
TO KNOW  
MORE  
ABOUT  
YOU,  
COU.

KNOW  
THE REAL  
ME.

I WANT TO  
KNOW WHAT  
YOU THINK  
ABOUT...AND  
HOW YOU  
SEE ME.

ACCEPT  
ME.



MY  
HEART...





WE'RE  
READY.  
COME  
AT US.



LET'S  
GO,  
REN!!

OKAY!



WH-  
WHY  
NOT?!

DON'T  
TAKE IT  
OFF!

WHAT  
THE--?!  
WHAT  
IS THIS  
THING?!

YEEOWCH!!



IF YOU DON'T  
WANT TO GET  
HURT, YOU'LL  
HAVE TO SAVE  
YOUR POWER.

YOU'LL  
LEARN BY  
HAVING IT  
BEATEN  
INTO YOU.

IT SHOCKS  
YOU EVERY  
TIME YOU  
TRY TO USE  
TOO MUCH  
POWER.

THAT  
DEVICE IS  
DESIGNED  
TO  
CONTROL  
YOU.



ALL THE  
MORE  
REASON WHY  
WE MUST  
ALWAYS  
FIGHT AS  
ONE.

REN WILL  
FEEL THE  
SAME  
AMOUNT  
OF PAIN  
YOU DO.

W  
H  
A  
T  
?!

YOU'RE  
NOT THE  
ONLY  
ONE IT  
WILL  
HURT.





PAIN IN  
MY  
B--

YOU'RE  
LATE,  
CISQUA!

I CAN'T  
IMAGINE  
HE JUST  
RAN AWAY  
OVER THAT.



WHERE  
IS THAT  
BLOKE--  
NEED?  
HIS ROOM  
HAS COM-  
PLET-  
LY EMPTY



IT'S PAST  
NOON,  
ALREADY!

YOU'RE  
LATE FOR  
TRAINING!

IT'S  
NOTHING!

NEVER-  
MIND  
THAT!

WHY  
DO YOU  
BOTH HAVE  
SUCH DARK  
CIRCLES  
UNDER YOUR  
EYES?

REN?!

COME

PREPARE  
FOR  
BATTLE!!

I TOLD  
YOU ABOUT  
SWINGING  
HER AROUND  
BLIN--

"BATTLE,"  
HE  
SAYS?  
HA!



?!!!

HE  
PULLED  
UP  
SHORT!

YESTERDAY  
HE WOULD  
HAVE CUT  
IT IN TWO!

THIS  
DOG'S  
LEARNED  
A FEW  
NEW  
TRICKS.

HEH.  
OH  
YEAH.









FROM  
AFTERNOON  
TO NIGHT, I  
WOULD BUILD  
MY PHYSICAL  
STRENGTH  
WITH CISQUA.

Three...

Eeeep!!

Let's go!  
One...  
two...



IT WAS,  
WELL...NICE.

...EVERYTIME  
I'D REACT  
WITH REN...  
WE'D GET  
BETTER.

LITTLE BY  
LITTLE...



BUT  
THAT'S A  
HUNDRED  
MORE  
THAN  
USUAL!

EIGHT  
HUNDRED  
PUSH-  
UPS AND  
SIT-UPS!

YOU HAVE  
TO DO ONE  
HUNDRED  
MORE FOR  
EACH MINUTE  
YOU'RE LATE.



TRUE OR  
NOT...ALL  
I KNOW IS  
RIGHT NOW...

UNTIL NOW,  
I TREATED  
HER LIKE  
SOMETHING  
FRAGILE.

I DIDN'T  
KNOW  
ANYTHING  
ABOUT REN.

...I JUST  
WANT TO  
KNOW MORE  
ABOUT REN.

MAYBE I  
WAS LIKE  
REN SAID -  
HESITANT TO  
STEP INTO THE  
UNKNOWN.



...THE  
RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN AN  
EDEL RAID AND  
A PLEASURE  
IS LIKE THAT  
OF LOVERS...

COME TO  
THINK OF  
IT...A LONG  
TIME AGO  
A FRIEND  
SAID...





...TO KNOW  
A PART OF  
YOU THAT I  
DIDN'T KNOW  
YESTERDAY...

TO THINK  
I'D  
BE SO  
HAPPY...



COU...



I WANT  
TO KNOW  
EVERYTHING.

I WANT  
TO KNOW  
YOU.





ALL OBVIOUSLY  
THE RESULT OF  
MY MASTERFUL  
TUTELAGE!

WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
LAUGH-  
ING  
ABOUT?



YOU MUST  
BE METERING  
HIS POWER,  
THEREBY  
DECREASING  
THE BURDEN  
ON REN.

AND NOT JUST  
YOU, EITHER.  
I'VE SEEN A  
CHANGE IN  
REN. SHE'S  
BEEN STAYING  
AWAKE  
LONGER  
EACH DAY.

GOOD  
WORK,  
GUYS!

TA-  
DAH!



WE NEED  
MONEY TO  
PAY FOR  
THE INN,  
TO GET  
INTO TREY  
AND FOR  
WAGERING,  
DON'T WE?

OH NO--  
CISQUA,  
DIDN'T  
YOU  
KNOW?

ROWEN'S  
BEEN  
WORKING  
FROM  
EVENING  
UNTIL  
MORNING.



Y  
E  
S  
S  
S  
!!

APPLE  
PIE!

I  
BROUGHT  
YOU A  
TASTY  
REWARD

I  
HAVEN'T  
SEEN HIM  
LATELY.

KHEA,  
WHERE'S  
ROWEN?









GOOD  
LUCK!



YOU  
AGAIN?

WELL, THE  
MORE GUYS  
LIKE YOU  
THROW YOUR  
MONEY AWAY,  
THE RICHER  
I GET.

Rank: White  
Bati Dora  
Expense: 1,000  
Prize: 5,000



...ESPECIALLY  
NOT TO A  
PERVERT  
LIKE YOU.



THIS TIME,  
I WON'T  
LOSE...



LADIES AND  
GENTLEMEN,  
THE FIRST  
GAME OF  
THE NIGHT  
IS ABOUT  
TO BEGIN!

ENTERING  
AT THE  
RANK OF  
WHITE  
PAWN...

COUD VAN  
GIRUET!







Oh  
my...



WOW! YOU  
KNOCKED  
HIM OFF  
HIS FEET!



IF YOU CAN  
CONTROL YOUR  
POWER, YOU  
CAN EASILY  
REPEL AN  
ATTACK OF  
THAT CALIBER.

STUDY YOUR  
OPPONENT,  
AND HE'LL  
BE EASIER  
TO DEFEND  
AGAINST.



HE'S  
CLEARLY  
DIFFERENT  
THAN  
WHEN I  
FOUGHT HIM  
BEFORE!

WHAT'S  
WITH  
THIS  
GUY?!



HUH?!



I KNEW  
THEY  
COULD  
DO IT!

PERFECT  
EXECUTION,  
I'LL SAY.



THE ONLY  
**LOSER**  
STANDING  
IN THIS RING  
RIGHT NOW  
IS YOU!

HEH  
HEH  
...

TOLD  
YA SO.

# Re-No.15:

Milliard Trey Betting Grounds—Strike Line









THE  
CHALLENGER,  
LOU VAN  
BIRUET, HAS  
REPELLED  
THE ATTACK  
OF THE WHITE  
PAWN RANKING  
CLASS FIGHTER,  
BATI DORA!!

INCRED-  
IBLE!!

H  
U  
N  
H  
!!

THIS IS QUITE  
UNEXPECTED!



I'VE  
FOUGHT  
YOU  
BEFORE!

TH-  
THIS IS  
R-RIDIC-  
ULOUS!!



IF I DIDN'T  
CHANGE MY  
FIGHTING STYLE  
FROM BEFORE,  
THERE WOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
NO POINT IN  
MY TRAINING  
FROM HELL  
THESE PAST  
FEW DAYS!

SUCKS,  
HUH? DAMN  
STRAIGHT  
IT DOES!  
  
IT MAY BE  
THE SAME  
GAME--BUT  
THE PLAYING  
FIELD HAS  
COMPLETELY  
CHANGED!



HUH.

SO THAT  
DOOFUS  
FINALLY  
LEARNED  
TO USE HIS  
WEAPON.



UM...IT  
WASN'T  
THAT  
INTENSE.

YOU MUST LIVE IN  
THE MOUNTAINS  
AND SIT UNDER  
WATERFALLS AND  
DEFEAT HUNDREDS  
OF MIGHTY MEN!

WHAT  
SKILL!

A  
PLACE WHERE  
THE MOTTO  
IS "EVEN  
IF YOU'RE  
COUGHING UP  
BLOOD--YOU  
MUSTN'T EVER  
GIVE UP!!"



THE  
ONLY  
THING I  
FEAR...

...IS  
GETTING  
ANOTHER  
WHIFF OF  
YOUR RANK  
BREATH!  
RIGHT,  
REN?

RIGHT!

**BATI DORA  
IS COMING  
AT HIM WITH  
ANOTHER  
ATTACK!**

YOUR  
TRAINING  
STILL  
WON'T BE  
ENOUGH!

I SEE  
PAST THAT  
COCKINESS  
TO THE  
FEAR  
WITHIN  
YOU!!

WHAT  
WILL THE  
CHALLENGER  
DO?!

"LISTEN UP..."

"THERE ARE  
TWO METHODS  
TO USE WHEN  
FIGHTING  
WITH US EDEL  
RAIDS."

Then blue  
dragons,  
in our  
service  
—

ER...BY SONG,  
YOU  
MEAN THE  
THING THAT  
CAME INTO MY  
HEAD WHEN I  
REACTED WITH  
REN BEFORE?

THE OTHER  
METHOD...IS TO  
SING A SONG  
THAT WILL INVOKE  
AN EDEL RAID'S  
UNIQUE POWER.

THE FIRST IS  
USING US AS  
A STANDARD  
WEAPON.  
YOUR BASIC  
SLICE AND  
DICE.

I THINK THAT WAS  
BECAUSE YOUR  
SYNCHRONIZATION  
WITH REN WAS  
VERY HIGH AT  
THE TIME.

WOW...

EVEN  
THOUGH  
I DIDN'T  
KNOW THE  
WORDS.

BACK THEN,  
THESE WORDS  
SEEMED TO  
APPEAR FROM  
NOWHERE  
INSIDE MY  
HEAD. NOT  
ONLY THAT, BUT  
I WAS ABLE TO  
SING, TOO.



THAT'S  
RIGHT.

SO WE  
CAN'T  
JUST  
BLOW  
STUFF UP  
WHenever  
WE WANT?



EVEN KUEA  
AND I HAVE  
NEVER  
BEEN THAT  
SYNCHRONIZED  
BEFORE.

JUST DON'T  
GET USED  
TO IT. TO  
BE THAT  
IN SYNC  
IS A RARE  
THING,  
INDEED.

## Covenant Song

The song exchanged between  
an Edel Raid and a Pleasure  
in order to react.



THE FIRST  
IS THE  
COVENANT  
SONG,  
USED WHEN  
THE EDEL  
RAID AND  
PLEASURE  
REACT.

SONGS ARE  
DIVIDED INTO  
THREE MAIN  
CATEGORIES...

THIS IS A  
SONG THE  
EDEL RAID  
SINGS.  
THE FIRST  
TIME YOU  
REACT,  
THE SONG  
IS LONG...

...BUT  
FROM THAT  
MOMENT  
ON, YOU  
CAN REACT  
WITH A  
SHORTER  
VERSION.



Reverie Metherlence  
<Isolate Luminops>

It covers the enemy in a dome of wind  
and produces a flash of light inside it.  
It is used to blind the enemy.

LIKE THE  
COVENANT  
SONG,  
THE EDEL  
RAID CAN  
ACTIVATE  
THIS SONG  
HERSELF.



SECOND IS  
THE ECHO  
RESPONSE  
SONG THAT THE  
EDEL RAID USES  
TO ACTIVATE  
HER INDIVIDUAL  
POWER IN  
ORDER TO  
PROTECT  
HERSELF.

## Echo Response Song

THIS IS A  
SONG THAT  
THE EDEL  
RAID AND  
PLEASURE  
SING  
TOGETHER.

If the song is short, its power is  
small. It is possible to activate it  
even with low synchronization.



THE GREATER  
THE POWER,  
THE LONGER  
THE SONG--  
AND SO THE  
HIGHER NECESSARY  
SYNCHRONIZATION.



If the song is long, the power is great.  
But it requires a suitable synchronization

## Harmonic Song

THE THIRD  
IS THE  
HARMONIC  
SONG, USED  
TO ACTIVATE  
POWERFUL  
ATTACKS  
WHILE  
FIGHTING.



THERE  
ARE SHORT  
HARMONIC  
SONGS THAT  
WE KNOW TO  
BEGIN WITH.

COVENANT  
AND ECHO  
SONGS,  
YES.

BUT...



SO DO ALL  
EDEL RAIDS  
HAVE THOSE  
SONG THINGS  
MEMORIZED?

BUT I DON'T KNOW  
WHERE THEY ORIGINATE.  
LIKE WHETHER THEY'RE  
MEMORIES ENGRAVED INTO  
THE CORE STONES OF  
PREVIOUS GENERATIONS  
BEFORE WE ASSUMED  
THESE FORMS--OR  
IF THEY GO BACK  
FARTHER THAN THAT.

...THE  
LONG  
HARMONY  
SONGS  
THAT  
ACTIVATE  
POWERFUL  
ATTACKS...  
...FLOW INTO  
OUR HEADS  
WHEN THEY  
BECOME  
REALLY  
NECESSARY.



THE  
MELODY  
CAME VERY  
NATURALLY.

THE  
WORDS  
FLOWED  
FROM  
SOME-  
WHERE.



IT WAS LIKE  
THAT FOR  
ME AT ELE  
BLANCA.

THE  
MEMORY

DANG, AND  
I WANTED  
TO USE A  
SUPER-COOL  
FINISHING  
MOVE, TOO.



Cou & Ren, low  
synchronization



In this situation, Cou  
doesn't know the song.



Impossible  
to activate  
power

BUT IF THE  
SYNCHRON-  
IZATION  
BETWEEN  
YOU ISN'T  
HIGH  
ENOUGH...

...THEN THE  
SONG ITSELF  
WON'T BE  
COMPLETE--  
AND YOU WON'T  
BE ABLE TO  
ACTIVATE THE  
POWER.

SERIOUSLY?

...BUT THAT  
DOESN'T  
MEAN YOU  
CAN'T USE  
ANY.

WELL, IT  
MAY BE  
IMPOSSIBLE  
TO USE A BIG  
TECHNIQUE  
RIGHT AWAY...

AS KUEA SAID  
EARLIER,  
THERE ARE  
SONGS THAT  
THE EDEL  
RAIDS ALREADY  
KNOW.

IF YOU LEARN  
A SHORT SONG  
BEFOREHAND  
AND KEEP  
PRACTICING IT, IT  
IS POSSIBLE TO  
ACTIVATE SAID  
EDEL RAID'S  
POWERS.

Song coaching  
from an Edel Raid.



Activating a  
finishing move

YOU KNOW  
A FEW  
SONGS TOO,  
DON'T YOU,  
REN?







BUT...I'M  
NOT REALLY  
ANY GOOD  
AT SINGING.

THAT'S  
ANOTHER  
REASON  
WE  
PRACTICE.

REN...

THANK  
YOU.

Build  
strength  
and take  
flight...

...with the  
break  
of day.

Come  
together...



南風の弦

!!!!!!

NOT US CHORD!!



As the mist...



IT'S NOT THE SAME AS IT WAS IN ELE BLANCA.

...connect our dreams!





CONGRAT-  
ULATIONS!  
YOU'VE WON  
FIVE THOUSAND  
DOLLARS!

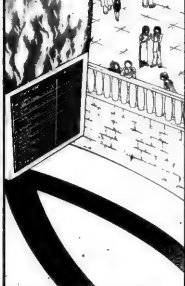
HE'S  
OUT!

THE  
CHALLENGER  
TOOK THE  
WHITE PAWN  
DOWN!

A ROUND OF  
APPLAUSE  
FOR OUR  
COMBATANTS!

IT'S  
BECAUSE  
WE  
PRACTICED  
SO HARD.

WE  
DID  
IT!





IT WOULD  
BE WISE TO  
TAKE BABY  
STEPS--  
MAYBE GO  
FOR THE  
NEXT RANK  
ONLY!!

IF YOU  
ENTER AT A  
HIGH RANK  
AND LOSE,  
WE'LL BE  
BROKE  
AGAIN!!



THE  
HELL  
YOU  
ARE!!

WHY  
NOT?

I'M  
EASILY  
A RANK  
THREE.



TOTAL  
CON-  
QUEST

BUT AT THE  
RATE YOU'RE  
GOING,  
YOU COULD  
MOVE UP THE  
RANKS ONE  
BY ONE AND  
GAIN TOTAL  
CONQUEST.



THE ONLY  
THING THAT'LL  
BE FASTER  
IS YOU BEING  
POUNDED TO A  
PENNILESS,  
BLOODY  
PULP!

AW...  
BUT MY  
WAY IS  
FASTER  
...!

What  
a  
bether



LET'S  
DO IT!!

TOTAL  
CONQUEST  
OF  
MILLIARD  
TREY!!  
YEAH!!

I LIKE  
THE  
SOUND  
OF  
THAT  
...!  
THE MAN  
WHO  
OVERCAME  
IT ALL...



I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THE FUTURE TO LEARN COU'S CURRENT SKILL LEVEL.

...IF HE DOESN'T FIGHT STRONG OPPONENTS, THERE WILL BE NO POINT TO HIS TRAINING.

WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT TOTAL CONQUEST MIGHT BE A LITTLE LOFTY...

HEH HEH...

TOTAL CONQUEST...?

Oh yeah!



Unusually ANXIOUS

DO YOU REALLY THINK COU CAN DO THIS?



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...HE COULD MAKE IT FURTHER THAN WE EXPECT, YOU KNOW?

IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

IT SEEMS LIKE WHEN COU GETS WORKED UP, HE'S MORE POWERFUL THAN USUAL.

IF WE LET HIM KEEP HIS ADRENALINE HIGH...





HE  
COULD  
DO IT,  
ALL  
RIGHT.

THIS  
"HOTHEAD"  
WORKED  
HIS WAY...

...COMPLETELY  
THROUGH THE  
BLACK PAWN  
RANK.



THE  
CHALLENGER  
WINS! YOU'VE  
WON TEN  
THOUSAND!

YES!!



HE SLICED  
UP THE  
FIREBALLS  
CONTROLLED  
BY THE ROOK  
RANKED  
FIGHTER.

HE CRUSHED  
THE WHITE  
KNIGHT  
RANKED  
EDEL RAID  
PLEASURE.



I NEVER  
THOUGHT  
HE'D  
LIKE  
THIS SO  
MUCH.

HE'S  
TRULY  
AMAZ-  
ING!

COU WAS  
EASILY  
PUNCHING  
HIS WAY UP  
THE RANKS.

IS THAT  
ALL  
YOU  
GOT?!





I JUST  
CAN'T  
STOP  
SMILING!

...  
INvariably  
SOMEONE'S  
GOING TO  
GET DRUNK  
BY IT.

WHA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA!!

BUT WHEN  
YOU DO  
POP THE  
CORK ON  
SUCCESS...

フワッ...



SOOOO  
MANY  
BILLS...!



IT'S  
AMAZING!

LOOK AT ALL  
THIS PRIZE  
MONEY!

HEE!  
HEE!

ヒューッ

WHA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA!!

ALL THE  
PRIZE  
MONEY  
WILL BE  
OURS!

GIVE 'EM  
HELL,  
COW!

AND I  
WAS THE  
ONE WHO  
SUPPORTED  
HIM ALL  
ALONG!

I  
KNEW  
YOU  
COULD  
DO IT!



I WAS JUST  
REALIZING  
HOW MONEY  
CAN CHANGE  
A PERSON.

I've got the  
money-maker  
back!



WHAT'S  
WRONG,  
ROW?



SO  
PREDICT-  
ABLE...!

TSK,  
TSK...

HAAH!!



COULD VAN  
GIRUET  
HAS SHUT  
OUT FIVE  
RANKS FROM  
WHITE PAWN  
TO BLACK  
KNIGHT!



INCREDIBLE!  
THE  
CHALLENGER  
WINS AGAIN!



400  
HOO...!



WHAT AN  
UNEXPECTED  
TURN OF  
EVENTS!

WHY ARE  
THEY  
LETTING  
HIM  
WIN?!

WHAT ARE  
THOSE  
IDIOTS  
DOING?!



I CAN TAKE  
ON KING  
RANK!

OF  
COURSE!

THIS IS WHAT  
HAPPENS  
WHEN I  
FINALLY PUT  
MY MIND TO  
SOMETHING.

THAT'S  
THE  
SPIRIT,  
COU!



I  
KNEW  
YOU  
COULD  
DO IT!

YEAH,  
COU!

HERE  
YA  
GO...!



YEAH...

R-  
REALLY?  
SHE'S  
NEXT...?



AT THIS RATE, WE CAN  
GO TO EDEL GARDEN  
ON A CRUISE  
SHIP! IT WILL BE A  
FANTASTIC JOURNEY  
FILLED WITH  
REVELRY AND WILD  
MERRYMAKING!!

BOSS...

Heh...  
heh...



NEXT IS THE  
UNDEFEATED  
RASATI IN  
BISHOP  
RANK!  
  
BUT SHE  
SHOULD  
BE NO  
MATCH  
FOR  
YOU,  
RIGHT  
COU?!



R  
A  
A  
G  
H  
!!



SHE'S  
ALREADY  
WON SIX  
MATCHES  
TODAY.

MY...  
SHE'S  
STRONG,  
ISN'T  
SHE?

NO  
WONDER  
SHE'S  
UNDE-  
FEATED.



YOU  
MEAN  
MORE  
THAN  
USUAL?



...I GET THE  
FEELING  
SHE'S A  
LITTLE  
DIFFERENT  
TODAY.

YET  
...



HOW  
DO I  
EXPLAIN  
IT?

I FEEL  
LIKE  
SHE'S IN  
A HURRY  
TO WIN.

UNTIL NOW,  
RASATI WOULD  
NEVER MAKE THE  
FIRST MOVE.  
SHE'D FIGHT WITH  
CAUTION AND  
COMPOSURE.  
BUT TODAY SHE'S  
ACTIVELY PUSHING  
FOR THE WIN.



I  
SEE.



I CAN'T  
QUITE  
PUT MY  
FINGER  
ON IT...

...BUT  
SOMETHING  
IS  
DEFINITELY  
DIFFERENT.



THE  
EXCITEMENT  
CONTINUES  
TO BUILD  
HERE AT  
TREY...

EVEN I'M  
EXCITED!





RASATI?



WHERE  
ARE YOU  
GOING?



I  
CAN'T  
WATCH  
HER...!



I CAN'T  
WATCH!

WHAT'S  
WRONG,  
LILIA?





YES.



...BUT  
YOU'RE  
LEAVING?

YOUR  
SISTER'S  
MATCH  
ISN'T  
OVER  
YET...



NOW THAT I  
SEE WHAT  
HAPPENS,  
I CAN'T  
TAKE IT!

I CAN'T  
BEAR  
SEEING  
HER GO  
THROUGH  
SO MUCH  
PAIN FOR  
ME!



RASATI  
ALWAYS  
TOLD ME  
NOT TO  
COME.

I WOULD  
WAIT FOR  
HER BACK  
AT THE  
MANSION.

BUT  
TODAY,  
SHE TOLD  
ME TO  
COME NO  
MATTER  
WHAT.



SHE  
WANTED  
YOU TO  
WATCH  
TODAY,  
DIDN'T  
SHE?

BUT  
YOUR  
SISTER  
ASKED  
YOU TO  
COME.



THAT'S WHY  
I HAVE TO  
GET AWAY.



TONIGHT'S  
FEATURED  
MATCH!

AND  
NOW, THE  
MOMENT  
YOU'VE  
ALL BEEN  
WAITING  
FOR!



THE PRIDE  
OF MILLIARD  
TREY--  
BISHOP  
RANK CLASS  
FIGHTER,  
RASATI  
TIGRES!

SHE'S  
BROUGHT  
ALL THAT  
CHALLENGED  
HER TO THEIR  
KNEES!

SHE'S  
ENTERTAINED  
US WITH  
COUNTLESS  
VICTORIES!!

**I PRESENT  
A YOUNG  
CHALLENGER WHO  
HAS AGGRESSIVELY  
FOUGHT HIS WAY  
FROM WHITE  
PAWN RANK TO  
BLACK KNIGHT!!**

**WHO  
WOULD DARE  
CHALLENGE  
THIS  
UNDEFEATED  
YOUNG  
TIGER?!**

**I GIVE  
YOU  
COUD  
VAN  
GIRUET!**







YOU HAVE  
THREE  
MINUTES  
TO BEAT  
ME.



LIP-  
SMACKIN'  
GOOD,  
IS WHAT  
IT IS.



Even  
they  
take five  
minutes.

WHAT  
AM I,  
A CUP O'  
NOODLES?

THREE  
MINUTES?

WHAT'S  
"CUP O'  
NOODLES"?



SORRY--BUT  
I CAN'T GIVE  
YOU ANY MORE  
TIME THAN THAT.



ENOUGH  
TALK!!





RASATI'S FAST,  
FURIOUS AND  
MAGNIFICENT  
ATTACK  
NAILS THE  
CHALLENGER!



...SHE'S  
NO  
BETTER  
THAN A  
WOODEN  
DOLL!!

IF I  
PREVENT  
YOU FROM  
BRANDISHING  
YOUR  
WEAPON...

I DON'T  
CARE IF  
YOU ARE  
AN EDEL  
RAID USER  
OR NOT...!





LIKE, SAY,  
CISQUA  
OR THE  
HUNTER?

You fight  
these two,  
your death  
will be  
certain

See  
thanks  
buddy



WHAT IF  
YOU WERE  
TO FIGHT  
SOMEONE  
WHO USES  
LONG RANGE  
ATTACKS?

YOU SAY  
THAT...BUT  
THERE WILL  
BE TIMES  
YOU FACE AN  
OPPONENT  
AND THAT  
WON'T WORK.

Like  
that!

REN'S  
FAST--SO  
WE CAN JUST  
BEAT 'EM IN  
A FLASH.



A RAIN OF  
ATTACKS  
HITS YOU  
RELENTLESSLY  
FROM OUT OF  
YOUR RANGE.

WHAT  
WILL  
YOU  
DO  
THEN?

CAN'T  
I JUST  
FIGHT  
MY WAY  
THROUGH  
IT?

IDIOT!!



HAHA  
HA  
HA  
HA!

YOU  
WOULDN'T  
EVEN GET  
A CHANCE  
TO REACT,  
COU.

...BUT WE TOLD  
YOU THAT AN  
EDEL RAID AND  
A PLEASURE  
ALWAYS HAVE  
TO STAND  
TOGETHER,  
DIDN'T WE?!

FINE!  
THEN  
WHAT DO  
I DO?!

SURE,  
IF YOU'RE  
THE ONLY  
ONE GETTING  
POUNDED, YOU  
CAN TRY TO FIGHT  
THEM OFF...

DON'T FORGET  
THAT YOU HAVE  
REN WITH YOU.





IT'S MY  
TIME, NOW!

I'M NOT  
GONNA TAKE  
IT ANY MORE!

EVERYBODY SURE  
SEEMS TO HAVE AN  
OPINION ABOUT WHAT'S  
BEST FOR ME!

Especially  
her

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING?!

IT'S  
JUST  
YOU AND  
ME, REN!

I'M DONE  
LISTENING  
TO  
EVERYONE  
ELSE!

BUT  
THAT'S  
IT!



GAAHH!!!  
I CAN'T  
WATCH!!

IT'S ALL  
RIGHT,  
BOSS.



WHAT?!

THEY'RE  
NOT TAKING  
THE BEATING  
ANYMORE.



IT'S  
JUST  
YOU  
AND  
ME!



DON'T...

...shall  
not be  
touched  
by any  
means.

DON'T...

That  
which  
swirls  
around  
him...



GAME  
OVER!!

TIME'S  
UP,  
LOSER!!



The noble  
person  
who awoke  
yesternight...

WILL BE  
ALLOWED  
TO  
TRESPASS.



**DON'T  
TOUGH  
US!!**

...will let  
no one  
pass!



**WHAT IS  
THAT?!**

**HUH?!**

**REJECT  
OUT!!!**





H-HOW...  
...DID  
HE...?!



NOW  
NOBODY  
CAN  
TOUGH  
US!!

YES...





## **Re-No.16:**

**Milliard Trey Betting Grounds—  
Skewer Attack**

PFPT!  
HERE  
SMOKE  
AND  
MIRRORS!

YOU THINK  
A FEW  
WISPS OF  
SMOKE  
AND A  
FURROWED  
BROW CAN  
STOP ME,  
YOU'RE  
SADLY  
MISTAKEN!!

IT'S AN  
ARMOR  
OF WIND!

LOOK  
AT THAT!

I...I  
DON'T  
BELIEVE  
IT!



...THEY  
CAN'T  
CONNECT!!

MY  
PUNCHES  
AND  
KICKS...

WHY  
CAN'T I  
HIT HIM?!

IT'S LIKE  
THE AIR  
AROUND  
HIM HAS  
FORMED A  
BARRIER!

NOT ONLY IS IT  
THROWING OFF  
MY ATTACKS--  
BUT IT'S LIKE  
IT HAS A MIND  
OF ITS OWN!

WHILE IT  
DOESN'T  
STOP THE  
ATTACK--  
IT DOES  
DEFLECT IT  
WITH A BLAST  
OF AIR.

IT'S A  
DIFFERENT  
TYPE OF  
DEFENSIVE  
WALL THAN  
THE ONE  
HUNTER'S  
BOEL RAID  
HAD.

JUST  
KEEP ON  
ATTACKING...

LOOKS  
LIKE YOU  
OVERLOOKED  
ONE THING,  
RASATI!

IT'S LIKE  
TRYING TO  
ATTACK  
THIN AIR!





AMAZING!  
WHAT A  
COUNTERATTACK  
FROM THE  
CHALLENGER!



RASATI  
REACTED  
A SECOND  
TOO LATE!  
SHE TOOK  
THE FULL  
FORCE OF  
THAT  
STRIKE!



RAA  
RG  
H!!



HERE  
COMES A  
COUNTER-  
ATTACK!



!!!



CRAP!  
I'VE  
GOT NO  
TIME TO  
DEFEND!!



WHO KNEW  
EDEL RAIDS  
COULD  
CHANGE  
LIKE THAT!

TO REPEL  
THE RASATI  
SO EASILY...

Ugh!  
I can't  
take this!



WOW.



I'M  
ALWAYS JUST  
ATTACKING--  
SO I'VE NEVER  
STRENGTHENED  
MY DEFENSE  
THAT MUCH.

ACTUALLY,  
WE'RE ALL  
DIFFERENT.



REN  
SEEMS TO  
HATE WHEN  
OTHERS  
TRY TO  
INTRUDE  
ON HER.

SO THAT  
WALL  
CAN'T BE  
BROKEN  
DOWN SO  
EASILY.

SOMETIMES,  
AN EDEL  
RAID'S  
POWERS  
REFLECT THEIR  
PERSONALITY.

SINCE  
WHEN DO  
YOU AND  
KUEA  
KNOW  
SO MUCH  
ABOUT  
THEM?

HEY--  
JUST OUT OF  
CURIOSITY...

They were  
able to get  
in synch, so  
Cue might  
be more like  
that than  
we'd expect

IT'S  
CONSISTENT  
WITH HER  
CHARACTER.

H-  
HUH  
?!  


WE'RE  
JUST  
VERY  
OBSER-  
VANT.

OF C-  
COURSE  
NOT...!

N-NO...  
WE'RE NOT  
H-HIDING  
ANYTHING,?

うふふ  
うふふ

YOU'RE  
NOT HIDING  
SOMETHING  
FROM ME,  
ARE YOU?

LILIA...

Gasp!

うわ  
うわ  
...









JUST  
DON'T  
GIVE UP!!

WE WILL  
GO  
HOME!!



...WE  
CAN'T  
GIVE  
UP!

WHATEVER  
HAPPENS...



...ISN'T  
EVEN  
PAINFUL.



SOMETHING  
THIS  
SMALL...



IT  
DOESN'T  
HURT...



THEN  
WE CAN  
BOTH  
GO  
HOME...

...WHEREVER  
THAT IS.



I HAVE  
TO GET  
STRONGER.

I HAVE  
TO  
PROTECT  
LILIA.



I WILL  
TAKE HER  
HOME!!!

SO I  
WON'T  
GIVE  
UP!!

THIS  
IS THE  
MOMENT  
WE'VE  
ALL BEEN  
WAITING  
FOR!

RASATI IS  
STANDING  
UP!

HANG ON  
TO YOUR  
SEATS,  
FOLKS  
....!







THEN  
WE'LL  
KNOW IF  
SHE'S  
REALLY  
SETTLED  
THE  
SCORE.

LET'S  
SEE  
HOW SHE  
DOES.



LOOKS  
LIKE SHE  
PLANS ON  
PAYING ME  
TONIGHT.

RASATI IS  
REALLY  
GIVING IT  
HER ALL  
TONIGHT.



I CAN'T  
AFFORD  
TO  
LOSE!

KNOW  
THIS,  
COU...



I MUST  
WIN THIS  
MATCH!



I MUST WIN  
MY FREE-  
DOM!

??!



HERE SHE  
COMES,  
REN!

RIGHT!

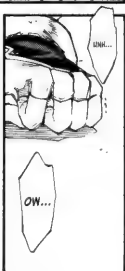


NOTHING--  
OR NO ONE--  
CAN STOP  
ME!!

吼号穿・龍  
!!!!

KOU  
GOU  
SEN  
RYUU  
!!!







UNFORTUNATELY,  
YOU'RE  
WASTING  
YOUR TIME!



YOU WANT  
TO BE STRONG  
SO YOU CAN  
PROTECT HER...



I KNOW  
WHAT  
YOU'RE  
THINKING...



I'M  
THE  
ONE!!

I'M THE  
ONE WHO  
MUST  
PROTECT  
HER!



THAT'S  
NOTHING  
COMPARED  
TO MY  
ELEVEN  
YEARS!

SO AFTER  
YOUR  
"TRAINING"  
YOU CAN  
ACTUALLY  
FIGHT A  
LITTLE...  
BIG DEAL!



SHE SHOULD BE  
EXHAUSTED...  
BUT RATHER THAN  
GETTING WEAKER,  
HER ATTACK IS  
GETTING EVEN  
STRONGER!

WHAT  
AN ODD  
THING TO  
SAY....!



...WOULD  
NEVER  
UNDERSTAND  
WHAT MY  
SISTER AND  
I HAVE LIVED  
THROUGH  
JUST TO  
GAIN OUR  
FREEDOM!

A COCKY  
GUY LIKE  
YOU,  
MINDLESSLY  
SWINGING AN  
EDEL RAID  
AROUND...



...YOU'RE  
WRONG  
ABOUT ONE  
THING--I'M  
NOT JUST  
MINDLESSLY  
SWINGING  
REN!

THAT  
SAID...



SURE, I  
MAY BE  
COCKY...

...AND NO,  
I MAY NOT  
BE ABLE  
TO IMAGINE  
YOUR  
SUFFERING.  
I'M  
NAÏVE  
ABOUT.



JUST  
BECAUSE  
SHE'S  
AN EDEL  
RAID...



...I'VE EVER  
ENCOUNTERED  
ARE THE SAME.

TYPICAL.  
ALL THE  
PLEASURES...



OH  
REALLY  
...?



THEY'RE JUST  
TRASH WHO  
ASSUME THAT  
EDEL RAIDS  
LIVE TO SERVE  
HUMANS.



YOU DON'T  
SEE EDEL  
RAIDS AS  
ANYTHING  
MORE THAN  
TOOLS,  
DO YOU?



SHE'S ALL I  
HAVE IN THIS  
MISERABLE  
WORLD...



ALL WE  
WANTED  
WAS TO  
BE LEFT  
ALONE...



ALL WE  
WANTED  
WAS TO GO  
ON LIVING  
TOGETHER...



...MY  
SISTER'S  
FREEDOM  
WAS TAKEN  
FROM HER!



I SIMPLY  
CAN'T  
AFFORD  
TO  
LOSE!!

SO I  
WILL  
PROTECT  
LILIA!!

KOUGOUSEN  
KOW!!!



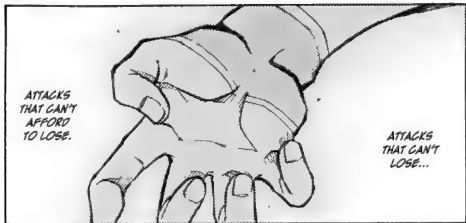
MAN, HER  
ATTACKS  
REALLY  
HURT!

THE  
AFTER-  
SHOCKS  
SEEM TO  
RESONATE  
IN MY VERY  
BONES!



REN'S  
WIND CAN'T  
COMPLETELY  
BLOCK  
RASATI'S  
ATTACK!

SHE'S  
FORGING  
THE FLOW  
OF THE  
WIND  
ASIDE AND  
GETTING  
THROUGH!





THEY HURT  
LIKE CRAZY!!

ATTACKS THAT  
REALLY, REALLY  
FREAKING HURT!

THIS IS THE  
INTENSE,  
SOUL  
RESONATING  
PAIN ONLY  
WORDS CAN  
CAUSE!



BUT IT'S  
NOT THE  
TYPE  
OF PAIN  
INFLECTED  
BY A MERE  
FIST...



TIME TO  
FINISH  
YOU!!

ENOUGH'S  
ENOUGH!!



SHE'S  
COMING...



COU!!

COU!  
LOOK  
OUT!!



REN?

...  
TOLD  
ME  
SOME-  
THING.

LILIA...

STAY  
HERE,  
COU.



!!!

WHAT  
IS THIS?  
MY RIGHT  
ARM...  
IT'S...





...SHE SAID  
THAT YOU  
WOULD BE  
HER LAST  
OPPONENT.

WHEN THIS  
MATCH  
STARTED...



THEY HAD  
BOTH BEEN  
BOUGHT...  
AND RASATI  
IS FIGHTING  
DESPERATELY  
TO PAY BACK  
THAT MONEY.

IF THEY  
CAN PAY  
BACK  
THE FULL  
AMOUNT,  
THEY CAN  
BE FREE.



AND JUST A  
LITTLE WHILE  
AGO, SHE  
SAID THAT  
ONCE THIS IS  
OVER, THEY'D  
BE FREE.



DO YOU  
HEAR?!  
150,000  
IN  
GOLD!!!

IF YOU WIN  
THIS GAME,  
WE'LL GET  
150,000  
IN GOLD!



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING?!

THIS IS  
NO TIME  
TO STAND  
THERE  
DOING  
NOTHING!!



BACK  
THEN...

...WHEN  
I FIRST  
MET YOU,  
GOLF



REMEM-  
BER...



THAT'S  
WHY  
WE  
HAVE  
TO.

FREEDOM  
IS A  
WONDERFUL  
THING.



...YOU  
FREED  
ME.



IT'S  
INCREDIBLE!

WHOA...

?



WHAT?

UNBELIEV-  
ABLE...



REN...  
YOU AND  
ME...

WE'RE  
THINKING  
THE  
SAME  
THING.



LOOK  
AT US.

WE'RE AT TWO  
HUNDRED PERCENT  
SYNCHRONIZATION.





WHAT DO  
YOU THINK  
YOU'RE  
DOING....?

—  
...





HER  
CHALLENGER  
HAS FALLEN!

SHE DOES  
IT! RASATI  
TIGRES STAYS  
UNDEFEATED!



I'M  
SORRY.

COU...



IT'S A SMALL  
PRICE TO PAY  
IF SHE AND  
LILIA CAN  
BE FREE.

SO I GOT  
THE WIND  
KNOCKED  
OUT OF  
ME...

DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT  
IT.









YOU'VE  
BEEN  
WATCHING  
OVER  
THERE,  
HAVEN'T  
YOU?!

THAT  
MATCH  
WAS MY  
LAST!



HUH?



LILIA...  
WE'RE  
FREE!



NOW  
HONOR  
YOUR END  
OF THE  
BARGAIN--  
AND  
SET US  
FREE!!

I'VE  
EARNED  
ENOUGH  
FROM  
ALL THE  
MATCHES  
I'VE  
FOUGHT...

...TO  
BUY OUR  
FREEDOM!



HEH.  
HA  
HA  
HA...



BUT  
WHAT'S  
THIS?

OH!



THAT'S  
MY  
RASATI.



THE  
ENTHUSIASM  
IN THE HALL  
HASN'T YET  
DIED DOWN.

THEY'RE  
CRAVING  
MORE  
EXCITEMENT!

THAT WAS  
INDEED AN  
ENTERTAINING  
GAME! AND  
NOW THE  
EXCITEMENT  
HAS REACHED  
ITS CLIMAX!



ALLOW  
ME TO  
TEACH  
YOU THE  
BASICS...

DO YOU  
INTEND TO  
SPOIL THE FUN  
FOR ALL THE  
GUESTS WHO  
HAVE COME  
TO MILLIARD  
TREY?

IT WOULD  
SEEM THAT  
YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
THE MEANING  
OF "ENTER-  
TAINMENT."

WHAT ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT?  
YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
WHO MADE  
PROMISES,  
RASATI.



YOU  
PROMISED!

I  
DON'T  
CARE  
WHAT  
"THEY"  
WANT!





HIYA,  
TOOTS.



THE  
UNDEFEATED  
YOUNG  
TIGER,  
RASATI...

WE'RE  
ALL VERY  
LUCKY TO  
WITNESS  
HISTORY  
IN THE  
MAKING!

...VERSUS  
FRIGO  
AND THE  
MONARCH  
OF  
MILLIARD  
TREY,  
KRIMA  
ZUUL!

AND NOW,  
TONIGHT'S  
MAIN  
EVENT!



OUR  
FREE-  
DOM?  
  
MY  
BOUNTY?!  
WAS IT ALL  
A LIE?!



IT'S  
TRUE THAT  
I BOUGHT  
YOU GIRLS  
WITH MONEY.  
BUT, TO BE  
PERFECTLY  
HONEST...



YOU FAT,  
CHEATING  
BASTARD!!



ER...ISN'T  
THIS A LITTLE  
SUSPICIOUS?

I'LL  
SAY.



LESS,  
IN FACT,  
THAN THE  
WAGER  
MONEY  
TO FIGHT  
YOU.



...THE  
MONEY  
I PAID  
YOUR  
UNCLE...  
  
...WAS  
CHICKEN  
SCRATCH.



BUT  
NOW...  
NOW  
YOU'VE  
MADE  
TOO MUCH  
MONEY,  
MY DEAR.

YOU  
ALWAYS  
COULD  
HAVE  
GONE  
FREE.



YOU WERE  
JUST AN  
**EXTRA**  
THAT CAME  
WITH YOUR  
SISTER.



I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
IT...

WHAT  
DOES HE  
WANT?!

YOU HAVE,  
NOW DO  
I SAY...  
TICKET-  
SELLING  
POWER.

PEOPLE  
COME TO  
SEE YOUR  
BATTLES.

I HAD  
PLANNED TO  
HAVE YOU  
SERVE ME  
A LITTLE  
LONGER WITH  
THAT POWER,  
BUT...



ALL  
6000  
THINGS  
AND  
SO ON,  
Y'KNOW?

I DON'T  
BELIEVE  
IT...

HE WAS  
LYING  
ALL THIS  
TIME!





...I'LL  
TAKE  
CARE OF  
LILIA FOR  
YOU.

RELAX.

EVEN  
IF YOU  
LOSE...

SHE'LL  
SPEND THE  
REST OF HER  
LIFE IN THAT  
MANSION...  
WITH ME  
CLOSE BY  
HER SIDE, OF  
COURSE. HEH  
HEH HEH...

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